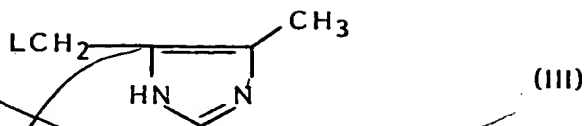


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BCOM

with a compound of formula (III)



or a protected derivative thereof, wherein L represents a leaving atom or group, followed if necessary by removal of any protecting groups present; and where the compound is in the form of the free base, optionally converting this into a salt.--

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the prosecution resulting in the allowance of the parent application, the present application being a continuation thereof. The Issue Fee was not paid in the parent application but instead, the present continuation application was filed.

In view of the continuing status of the present application, it is most respectfully requested that the first official action contain an acknowledgement that the prior art and information contained in the parent application has been considered in accordance with MPEP § 2.001.06(b).

The specification has been amended as in the parent application to correct obvious errors. In addition, claim 13, which was subject to restriction in the parent application has been cancelled from the present application. Applicants retain all rights to filing a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

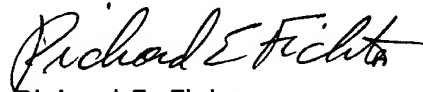
In addition to the claims allowed in the parent application, Applicants have added several claims directed to specific aspects of the invention as set forth in the specification

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including the claims as originally filed. Applicants most respectfully submit that all of the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

In view of the above amendment and allowance of the parent application, favorable and early consideration of the above identified application is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

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